



## Greater Norview Task Force Meeting

### MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m.  
Norview Community Center

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The following people were present:

Stanley Stein	Margaret Hoots	Larry Hoots
James Mickle	Raphael Roman	Officer Mendoza
Officer Rogers	Pamela Marino	Andre Felder
James Stinnett	Katie Arroyo	Seleena Cruz
Kharlise Paragas	Lt. Squyres	Nieime Mathurin
Barbara Burke	Amirriah Shipp	Andrew Smite
Richard Dizon	Michael Pansacula	Judy Swystun
AnnaBelle Eversole	Bev Sell	Art Thatcher
Penny Brower	Tracy Clark	Lorenzo Harris
Rick James	Rose Armour	Jim Herbst

The meeting was chaired by Stanley Stein who welcomed everyone.

#### **1. Norview High School Recognition and Comments**

The task force invited representatives of Norview High School to the meeting to recognize the school for being named as one of 10 Breakthrough Schools in a national competition by the MetLife Foundation. Katie Arroyo, a teacher, and several students represented the school. They discussed the school's strengths which include high test scores and their summer Leadership Camp. The camp is a partnership with the City and ODU led by the student leaders from Norview. The students expressed their hope that the Leadership Camp would be continued.

#### **2. Community Recognition of the Norview High School and Norview Community Center**

Members of the community prepared gift baskets to recognize the high school and the staff of the Norview Community Center for their contribution to youth in the community. The Norview Heights and Greenwood/Elmhurst/Norview Heights civic leagues, Wine and Cake Hobbies, Inc., the Five Points Community Farm Market, and individuals made donations toward the gift baskets.

### **3. Youth Engagement**

Neighborhood Development Specialists Rose Armour, Rick James, and Jim Herbst presented efforts to engage youth in the community. They provided a handout.

### **4. Police Engagement**

Lt. Squyres reported on police engagement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol began twelve hours shifts and sectors were reorganized which resulted in an additional Community Resource Officers (CRO). Officer Mendoza was successful in working with Public Works to remove a culvert behind the middle school that contributed to crime problems. School security officers have averted several fights. Police have worked with Codes and Waste Management to clean up Alexander Street. The Youth Police Academy begins next month at Norview Elementary School, and police are also investigating the possibility of raising funds to acquire a batting cage for Norview Middle School. Lt. Squyres invited residents to attend the National Night Out in Denby Park this year on August 6 and to consider hosting the event in 2014.

### **5. Announcements**

- I-64 Norview On-ramp open. The new on ramp is open. Police expressed concerns about possible cut through traffic and impact on neighbors. The Police will contact Stanley Stein or John Keifer if it becomes an issue.
- Norfolk Emerging Leader Application deadline is March 15.
- Community Garden Clean Up – Saturday, March 16, noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Seasonal Sampler at the Five Points Farm Market – Saturday, March 23, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Botanical Garden 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – April 6
- Norview Community Center Outreach Day - July 13
- National Night Out - August 6

### **6. Taxi Expansion**

Judy Swystun presented pictures of progress on the Hampton Roads Transportation Company (Black and White Cabs, etc.) and discussed next steps. She and other task force members hope that other property owners will follow suit.

### **7. Five Points Pedestrian Commercial Overlay (PCO) Consideration**

Stanley Stein asked members to give consideration to the current restriction on storefront churches in the Five Points (PCO) for the next meeting.

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.  
Norview Community Center

# Norview NBN Youth Engagement

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## Background

During the months of January and February (2013), neighborhood development specialists engaged youth from the Norview area through 3 venues:

- Youth NBN Conversation at Norview Community Center—January 16, 2013
- Healthy Neighborhood Focus Group at Norview High School—January 31, 2013
- An online survey

## Part 1: Norview NBN Youth Conversation

Wednesday, January 16, 4:30 p.m. at Norview Community Center. Facilitated by Rick James. Approximately 25 children and teens. This Youth NBN activity first asked youth their ideas about what makes a good neighbor. Then Rick lead a discussion about the importance of neighbors getting to know each other, working together to solve issues, and involving youth in neighborhood partnerships.



- Involve us in Neighborhood Watch activities.
- Do a better job listening when concerns / issues appear.
- Let them know that they are an important part of the community by giving them more attention.
- Don't judge a whole generation by the actions of a few.
- Neighborhood pride goes hand-in-hand with the quality of the housing.
- Families and the communities can do a better job at creating more activities that involve the youth and keep them busy!

## Part 2: Norview High School Focus Group

Thursday, January 31, 11:00 a.m., Norview High School. Facilitated by Rose Armour, Rick James, Jim Herbst. Sponsored by Ms. Katie Arroyo. 20 teens attended.

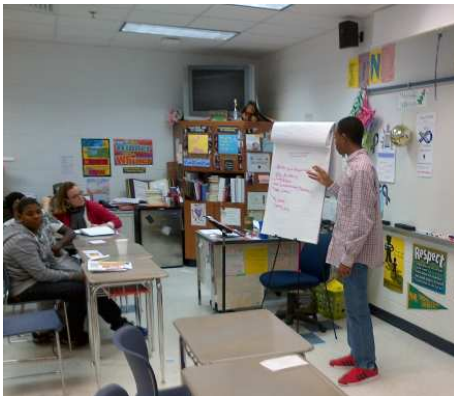
Question 1: What can neighborhood and City leaders do better to make the communities safe, healthier and more inclusive?

Volunteer opportunities  
Sidewalks  
More clubs/programs  
More public space  
Get – fit programs  
More programs at the Rec centers  
Enforce curfews  
Hold students/parents responsible  
Better communications of opportunities available for the City of Norfolk  
Better job dispersing rec center  
Affordability of rec centers

Question 2: Another group of teens made the statement “Neighborhood pride goes hand in hand with the quality of the housing.” Do you agree? What does quality housing mean to you?

11 agree, 7 disagree, 3 abstentions

Safe environment,  
upkept yards  
Location/people  
Maintenance, lawns, clean, fixing housing  
Maintain street lights  
Everyone’s responsible for litter  
Tall grass/weeds (city property)  
Better insect control



Question 3: What role do you see yourselves as youth playing to make the neighborhood healthier and safe?

- More volunteer opportunities
- Clean up programs
- Neighborhood watch
- Occasional interaction, meetings
- Mentorship programs
- Neighborhood gatherings, create dialogue
- Not getting into trouble
- Be a good role model
- Getting to know each other

Question 4: Who in the neighborhood are youth most likely to listen to and would make good partners for neighborhood leaders?

- Role models ... church, school, friends
- Convince/incentive (food, games)
- Opportunities to engage with professionals
- Peers that we trust
- Not parents/authority (sometimes do the opposite of what they say); authority not always fairly distributed.

Question 5: What are your recommendations for enhancing youth safety?



- Drug, Gang, alcohol awareness
- More extracurricular activities (sports, music, arts)
- Traffic control
- Social service (bodyguards)
- More rec centers
- Better transportation
- Private "fun" places (dance)
- More concerts